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Page 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK BOURNE CO., Plaintiff, vs.) No. 07 CIV. 8580 (DAB) TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM CORPORATION, FOX BROADCASTING COMPANY, TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX) TELEVISION, INC., TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX HOME ENTERTAINMENT,) INC., FUZZY DOOR PRODUCTIONS,) INC., THE CARTOON NETWORK, INC.,) SETH MAC FARLANE, WALTER MURPHY,) Defendants.

RULE 30(B)(6) DEPOSITION OF FOX EMPLOYEE

DAVID ZUCKERMAN

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2	A. Yes.	2	A. No.
3	Q. And if I ask a question in a way that's	3	Q. Other than any particular discussions that you
4	confusing to you it may well happen just let me	4	had with your lawyers, what have you done in the past
5	know. I promise I will try to work with you to clear it	5	week to prepare for this deposition?
6	up so that you will understand the questions that I am	6	A. I rewatched the episode "When You Wish Upon a
7	asking.	7	Weinstein."
8	If at any point you need a break, just let me	8	Q. Did you do anything else?
9	know and we can work that out. You know, I would prefer	9	A. No.
10	it's not while questions are pending, but other than	10	
11	that, we should be able to give you a break any time you	111	A. No.
12	•	12	Q. Have you reviewed any deposition transcripts?
13	Okay?	13	· ·
14	A. Yes.	14	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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16	program?	16	то до при
17	A. No.	17	only openine reconcention I have about the
18	Q. What are you currently working on?	18	=
19	A. I am an executive producer on "American Dad."	19	Mitzvah element of the third act.
20	Q. And when was the last time you worked on	20	Q. So that's the only element of the show that you
21	"Family Guy"?	21	recall personally being involved in the writing of?
22	When did you stop working for "Family Guy"?	22	A. Well, as executive producer, I was involved in
23	A. At the end of the second season. I stayed	23	every aspect of every episode. So I don't know if you
24	through the 37th episode.	24	are asking what my specific contributions are or in
25	Q. During the second season, what was your	25	general what my duties are.
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- 1 satisfaction, "we," the writing staff; and then it was
- 2 sent to the network. We would have a table read.
- 3 After the table read, we would meet with the
- 4 broadcast standards executives who would give their
- 5 thoughts on the script. They would later send those
- 6 thoughts over in writing. We would negotiate with them,
- 7 giving up certain jokes to keep other jokes, adjusting
- 8 jokes so that it took care of whatever their concern
- 9 was, and then we would record the show.
- And at each step of the process, you know, when
- 11 we got an animatic, which was like a rough cut, and when
- 12 we got the color, which is the full animation back from
- 13 Korea, we would get another set of notes.
- 14 And that's how it worked.
- 15 Q. And do you recall the standards and practices
- 16 review for the Weinstein episode?
- 17 A. I recall that we got one. I don't recall the
- 18 specifics.
- 19 O. Were you involved in that process?
- 20 A. The process of what?
- 21 Q. Of the standards and practices review.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Who else was directly involved in that?
- 24 A. It was primarily Seth and I, and we may have
- 25 involved the writer of the episode of any particular

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- 1 A. Specifically, no.
- 2 Q. Was the approval -- the standards and practices
- 3 approval practices for Weinstein longer than was typical
- 4 for an episode of the "Family Guy"?
- A. The show's actually called "Family Guy."
- 6 Q. "Family Guy."
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And that was approval process for the Weinstein
- 9 episode more difficult than the typical episode of
- 10 "Family Guy"?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you believe that the message of the episode
- 13 is antisemitic?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 O. And so I take it it wasn't intended to be
- 16 antisemitic.
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Does the episode have an overall message or
- 19 theme?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And what is that?
- A. That message of the episode is that Jews are no
- 23 better or worse than anybody else; they're just people,
- 24 which seems -- the comedic value of that is that seems
- 25 like it should be obvious, but to Peter, it's not. So

what's funny is that Peter had to learn this

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- episode in the process. On Weinstein, I can't recall
- 2 specifically -- I am sure it was Seth, but I don't know
- 3 who else. I don't remember.
- 4 Q. Do you remember who the writer was for the
- 5 Weinstein episode?
- 6 A. Yeah, it was Ricky Blitt.
- 7 O. And who at Fox was directly involved in the
- 8 standards and practices review for the Weinstein
- 9 episode?
- 10 A. Our primary person was Linda Shima-Tsuno and
- 11 she reported to Roland McFarland, and I believe Roland
- 12 was involved with this episode, too.
- 13 Q. What was Fox's initial reaction after you first
- 14 submitted the story for a standards and practices
- 15 review?
- 16 A. I don't remember.
- 17 Q. Did they request changes?
- 18 A. Did who request changes?
- 19 Q. Fox.
- 20 A. Fox creative?
- 21 Q. Fox standards and practices. Right now, we're
- 22 just talking about standards and practices.
- 23 A. Yes, they always requested changes. So, yes.
- Q. Do you recall what particular problems they had
- 25 with the episode?

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- 2 ridiculously obvious lesson. That was the theme of the
- 3 show.
- 4 Q. And during the standards and practices process,
- was that essentially what you were trying to explain to
- 6 Fox as the reason for having the controversial content
- 7 in the episode?
- 8 MR. ZAVIN: Objection.
- 9 BY MR. FAKLER:
- .0 O. You can answer.
- 11 A. I don't think there was anything in it that was
- 12 controversial.
- 13 Q. Well when I say "controversial," I mean --
- 14 well, does standards and practices object to anything
- 15 that they felt was controversial?
- 16 A. As they did on every episode of "Family Guy",
- 17 yes.
- 18 Q. So I guess when -- and did you respond to those
- 19 objections by giving your opinions as to why you thought
- 20 that matter was not -- shouldn't be controversial?
- 21 A. As I did on every episode, yes.
- 22 Q. And was this overall theme and the fact that,
- 23 you know, the point of the story is to make fun of
- 24 Peter's bigotry, was that something that you discussed
- 25 with standards and practices?

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Page 18 Page 20 1 A. That sounds likely, yes, 1 episode? 2 Q. But you don't remember as you sit here today? 2 A. Yes. 3 A. I don't remember -- I don't remember the name 3 Q. How? 4 Laura Geller, if that's what you are asking. A. Well, everything in the episode is related to 5 Q. Do you remember a second rabbi? the theme of the episode. I am not sure I understand 6 A. I remember Fox -- yes, Fox consulted a rabbi. the question. 7 7 Q. And do you remember what that rabbi's opinion Q. Well, how specifically does the song relate to 8 was? 8 that time? 9 A. No. 9 A. Well, its story purpose is to illustrate 10 Q. What was Fox's ultimate decision in season two 10 Peter's ignorance. 11 as far as whether they would air the episode or not? 11 Q. Did you ever have any discussions with anyone 12 A. They chose not to air it. 12 outside of the writing staff about what the song is 13 Q. And when were you first told of that decision? 13 making fun of? 14 A. I don't remember. 14 A. Broadcast standards, Linda and possibly Roland. 15 Q. Do you remember who -- did somebody at Fox 15 I don't remember. 16 speak directly to you? 16 Q. And what were those discussions? 17 Did you learn that directly from someone at 17 A. I don't remember, specifically. 18 Fox? 18 Q. You don't remember what you said to them in 19 A. I really don't remember. 19 those discussions? 20 Q. Did you have any role in the writing of the 20 A. It was nine years ago. 21 song "I Need A Jew"? 21 What's the question again? 22 A. Did I have any role in writing the song. Well, 22 Q. When you had discussions with broadcast 23 I was the executive producer of the show. So I had a 23 standards and practices about what the song was making 24 role in the writing of everything. fun of, what did you say to them, if you can recall? 25 Q. What did you do with respect to the song "I A. I really don't recall any specifics of any Page 19 Page 21 1 Need A Jew"? 1 conversation. 2 A. I don't -- the only specific thing that I 2 MR. FAKLER: That's all I have 3 remember is on this note where they had the concern MR. ZAVIN: Let's take a two-minute break. 4 about "even though they killed my Lord," I suggested "I (Off the record.) don't think they killed my Lord" as a means of keeping 5 **EXAMINATION** somewhat the same joke, and I believe that was BY MR. ZAVIN: 7 acceptable to standards. That's the only specific I Q. Mr. Zuckerman, my name is Jonathan Zavin. I am 8 believe that I wrote. the attorney for the defendants in this case, including 9 Q. Do you recall any particular discussions you Seth MacFarlane, Walt Disney and a number of Fox 10 had with the writing staff specifically about what the 10 entities and Cartoon Network. 11 song "I Need A Jew" is making fun of? 11 During in your responses to Mr. Fakler, you 12 12 said there were no conversations - or you didn't recall A. Please, restate the question. 13 13 any specific conversations with writing staff about the MR. FAKLER: Could you read it back, please. 14 (The previous question was read back purpose or with respect to why a song is making fun of 15 15 "Wish Upon a Star." by the court reporter as follows: 16 16 "QUESTION: Do you recall any Do you remember that? 17 particular discussions you had with 17 MR. FAKLER: Objection; that completely 18 the writing staff specifically about 18 misstates my question. 19 19 BY MR. ZAVIN: what the song 'I Need A Jew' is 20 making fun of?") 20 Q. You can answer. 21 THE WITNESS: No. I mean I don't recall. 21 A. Can you restate it. 22 BY MR. FAKLER: 22 Q. I will repeat the question. Actually, I will 23 23 Q. Is the song meant to be antisemitic? withdraw it. 24 24 A. No, no. During the making of the process of making the 25 Q. Is the song related to the overall theme of the 25 episode "When You Wish Upon a Weinstein," were there any

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- discussions about the use of the song "I Need A Jew" and
- 2 Walt Disney?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you recall with whom those discussions were?
- 5 They were with Seth and Rickey and broadcast
- 6 standards, most likely Linda Shima-Tsuno, possibly
- 7 Roland. I don't recall which one of them.
- 8 Q. Without trying to recall the specifics -- not
- 9 asking you word for word -- do you recall what those
- 10 discussions were about?
- 11 A. Broadcast standards was concerned about the use
- 12 of the song and the words of the song, and our argument
- 13 was that it had to be that song because it's the iconic
- 14 Disney wish song and it's about -- it evokes a child
- 15 wishing for something sweet and innocent and pure.
- 16 And we thought juxtaposing that with what Peter
- 17 was wishing for, which was stupid and ignorant and not
- 18 innocent and pure, was making a satirical point, and we
- were also -- we also were aware of Disney's reputation
- 20 as an antisemite and we thought that using the song for
- 21 Peter to wish for a magical Jew who could come into his
- 22 life and solve all his problems was -- you know, was
- 23 making a sharp point about Disney.
- 24 MR. ZAVIN: No further questions.
- 25 MR. FAKLER: Okay. I have some follow-up.

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- possible answering your questions. What I thought you
- were asking for was specifics that I didn't have.
- 3 BY MR. FAKLER:
- Q. And you believe that I wasn't asking you for
- 5 what the content of those discussions were?
- 6 A. I answered your question.
 - Q. Okay. The discussions that you had with --
- these discussions about Walt Disney and his alleged
- antisemitism that you just discussed, when were those
- 10 discussions?
- 11 When did they take place in the process of 12
- producing the show?
- 13 A. After the script was written, after the table
- read -- I don't recall if it was before the episode was
- 15 recorded or not, but certainly before the episode was in
- animatic, certainly. It would have to be because, you
- know, we wouldn't have been able to record the lyrics
- 18 until we had resolved these issues.
- 19 So it would have to be after the table read
- 20 before the record -- before the record of the song. We
- 21 may have recorded the dialogue.
- 22 Q. And with respect to the juxtaposition of "When
- You Wish Upon A Star," the theme of that Disney song 23
- with Peter's wish, which is more vulgar, was that
 - juxtaposition meant to ridicule the Disney song or

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FURTHER EXAMINATION

- 2 BY MR. FAKLER:
- 3 Q. Is there a reason why your recollection of
- 4 those discussions became -- you suddenly had those
- 5 recollections after stepping out into the hallway?
- A. Your question was did I have discussions with 6 7 the writing staff?
- 8 Q. I also asked a question about -- that was my
- 9 first one.

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- 10 My second question was did you have any
- 11 discussions with people outside of the writing staff,
- and you said yes, with standards and practices. And I 12
- asked you what did you say in those conversations and
- 14 you could not recall at all.
- 15 What made you recall?
- 16 MR. ZAVIN: Objection.
- 17 BY MR. FAKLER:
- 18 Q. What refreshed your recollection?
- MR. ZAVIN: You said -- specifically, you asked 19
- 20 him what did he say and he doesn't recall word for word
- 21 what he said.
- 22 MR. FAKLER: I asked him what was in those
- 23 conversations.
- 24 MR. ZAVIN: The fault was with your question.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I was told to be as specific as

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- Peter's beliefs?
- 2 MR. ZAVIN: Objection.
- 3 BY MR. FAKLER:
- 4 Q. Can you answer?
- 5 MR. ZAVIN: There is no evidence it was meant
- 6 to ridicule either.
- 7 MR. FAKLER: Please, don't coach the witness.
- 8 MR. ZAVIN: You have asked a question which is
- 9 the classic trick question. You have assumed it was
- 10 meant to ridicule one or the other.
- MR. FAKLER: You made a speaking objection. 11
- 12 It's noted for the record.
- 13 MR. ZAVIN: Right.
- 14 MR. FAKLER: There is an avenue for us to
- 15 resolve that.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I mean I don't think we were
- 17 trying to ridicule anybody.
- 18 BY MR. FAKLER:
- 19 Q. You don't think you were trying to ridicule
- 20 Peter's beliefs?
- 21 A. Ridicule. No.
- 22 Q. And you weren't trying to ridicule --
- 23 A. I think we were just pointing out that they
- 24 were ignorant. There is plenty of times when we did
- 25 ridicule Peter in the episode and in many episodes, but

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1	I think it was just supposed to be he is a dumb guy.	1	STATE OF
2	The song was an illustration of how dumb he is.) Ss.
3	Q. Was the song an illustration any kind of	2	COUNTY OF
4	negative comment on the original Disney song?	3	
5	MR. ZAVIN: Objection.	4	I, DARYL BAUCUM, Certified Shorthand Reporter
6	THE WITNESS: I mean I don't understand the	5	No. 10356 for the State of California, do hereby
7	word "negative." It was a comment on the Disney song.	6	certify:
8	BY MR. FAKLER:	7	That prior to being examined, the witness named
9	Q. Was it okay. You don't understand	8	in the foregoing deposition was duly swom to testify to
10	"negative"	9	the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
11	A. Well, I don't think the word "negative"	10	That said deposition was taken down by me in
12	applies, I think I should say.	11	shorthand at the time and place therein named and
13	Q. Okay.	12	thereafter reduced to computerized transcription under
14	A. Negative.	13	my direction and supervision and that the same is a
15	MR. FAKLER: That's all I have.	14	true, correct and complete transcript of said proceedings. Before completion of the transcript, review of
16	MR. ZAVIN: We're done.	16	the transcript [] was [] was not requested. If
17	THE WITNESS: Okay. Thanks.	17	requested, any changes made by the deponent (and
18	MR. FAKLER: Thanks a lot.	18	provided to the reporter) during the period allowed
19	MR. ZAVIN: Thank you.	19	are appended hereto.
20	(The deposition was concluded at	20	I further certify that I am not in any way
21	10:39 a.m.)	21	
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5	I hereby declare I am the deponent in the		
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